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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is disclosed an electronic catalog system in which application data concerning use is received from a user who desires to utilize electronic catalog information using a standard dictionary, internal utilization or opening to the outside of the standard supplier by the user is judged, and for the internal utilization, the standard dictionary and a program for verifying a conformity level are distributed free of charge. If the user desires the opening to the outside including an information providing service, a charged amount is transmitted to the user from charging level data based on the application data, a supplier code is issued after agreement with the user, and the standard dictionary is transmitted together with the program for verifying the desired conformity level.